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**Police and Fire Officials Seek Public's Help in Halifax and Plympton Fires**

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan announced that fire and police officials are looking for the public's help in two early morning fires that occurred close to each other in Halifax and Plympton this morning. Investigators have determined that both of these fires were intentionally set. Whether or not there is any connection between these two fires is still subject to the on-going investigation.

The first fire started at 3 a.m. in an unoccupied residential building at 266 Monponsett Street in Halifax. The second fire occurred 2.5 miles from the first at 5:30 a.m. at 103 Main Street in Plympton in a garage. Investigators ask anyone who saw something or someone near the Halifax fire around 3 a.m. or on Main Street in Plympton between 3 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. or traveling between the two sites to call the Plympton Police Department at (781) 585-3339 or the statewide Arson Hotline at 1-800-682-9229.

The Arson Hotline is answered confidentially, 24-hours a day and is part of the Arson Watch Reward Program, that provides rewards of up to \$5,000 that helps to solve the crime of arson. The Arson Watch Reward Program is sponsored by the property and casualty insurance underwriting companies of Massachusetts.

The fires are being investigated by State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Plympton Fire and Police officials and Halifax Fire and Police officials.

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